



NJ National Guard Child & Youth Program News

State Family Programs Office
Joint Military & Family Assistance Center
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APRIL is Month of the Military Child

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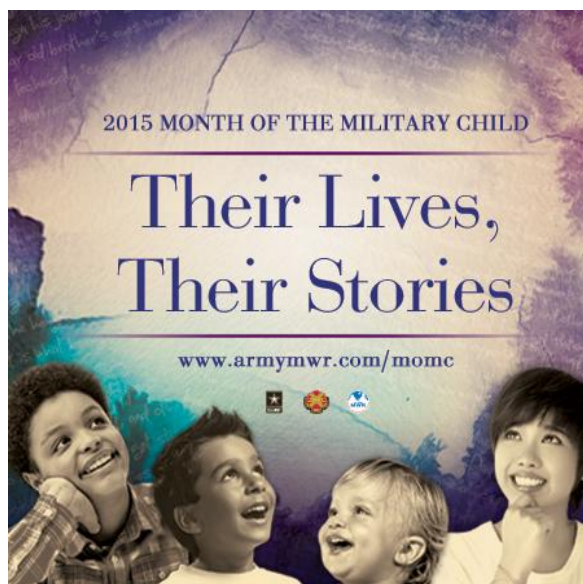
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April 2015
Month of the Military Child
YOUNG LIVES, BIG STORIES Contest
SHARE & WIN!
From April 1st - 30th share what it's like to be a Military Child through words and drawings for a chance to win great prizes!
Visit your local CYSS or army.mwr.com/momc to learn more.



This year's theme, "Their Lives, Their Stories" highlights the unique lifestyles, contributions and sacrifices military children make to our nation. THANK YOU!!!!

PURPLE UP!!!
Show your support for
MILITARY YOUTH
by wearing purple on
Wednesday
April 15, 2015



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!!!
Like us at
NJNGChildandYouthProgram

KIDS SERVE TOO

1.88 Million Military Children

1,177,972 ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY CHILDREN

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| • 0-5 yrs..... | 495,156 |
| • 6-11 yrs..... | 368,661 |
| • 12-18 yrs..... | 262,550 |
| • 19-22 yrs..... | 51,605 |

716,879 RESERVE-COMPONENT MILITARY CHILDREN

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| • 0-5 yrs..... | 213,781 |
| • 6-11 yrs..... | 215,056 |
| • 12-18 yrs..... | 204,589 |
| • 19-22 yrs..... | 83,453 |

SOURCE: THE 2013 DEMOGRAPHICS REPORT

CALLING ALL NATIONAL GUARD TEENS

FRIDAY 10 APRIL – SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2015

WHAT: NG TEEN LOCK-IN
WHO: for National Guard teens ages 13-18
WHEN: 7:30pm Friday night – 7:00am Saturday morning
WHERE: JMFAC – Bordentown
WHY: In honor of Month of the Military Child, the NG Child & Youth Program will hold a Teen Lock-In for 50 NG teens **AND 1 FRIEND**. You can now bring one (responsible, well-behaved) friend to the Teen Lock-In. Your friend can come and help us celebrate Month of the Military Child. But you must HURRY!!!! Spots are filling up fast. If you plan to attend, please email or fax both your form and your friend's form to us as soon as possible.



Tentative Schedule of Events

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| 7:30pm-8:00pm | Community Service Project and Meet & Greet/ Icebreakers | | |
| 8:00pm-9:15pm | Keynote Speaker /Motivational Speaker | | |
| 10:00pm-12:00am | Aspire Youth Development | | |
| 1:00am-2:00am | Zumba | 2:15am-5:00am | Team Competitions |
| 5:15am-6:00am | Yoga or Meditation | 6:15am-7:00am | Breakfast |

Throughout the night the teens will have the opportunity to win prizes, such as games, Itune cards, Visa cards, AMC cards and more!!!! Sign Up Now!!!!

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2015

WHAT: Community Service
WHO: for National Guard youth/teens ages 11-18
WHEN: 16 May (Armed Forces Day) 8:00am – 4:00pm
WHERE: Vineland Veterans Home
WHY: The NG Child & Youth Program will provide transportation (2 pick up locations) for youth/teens to give back to those who have served our country. We will spend the day working with residents at Vineland Vet Home.



NJNG Child and Youth Program

Cordially Invites You to Attend

American Red Cross

**CPR, AED, and First Aid Adult & Infant
2 Year Certification Course**

Date: Sunday June 7, 2015

Time: 9:15 am to 4:00 pm

Location: JMFAC - 1048 US Highway 206 Bordentown, NJ 08505

*Participants must be 14 or older. Please wear comfortable clothes.
There are 24 slots available for Child & Youth volunteers and teens*

MUST BRING OWN LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS (Only 30 minutes for lunch)

Please R.S.V.P. By June 2, 2015

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4-H M.I.C.R.O. Camp

MON 29 JUNE – WED 1 JULY 2015

This Camp is open to military youth ages 10-14
Only 38 slots available.

The Camp will be held at the 4-H Campgrounds
in Branchville, NJ with 2 pick-up/drop-off locations



Youth will participate in MICRO Camp (Make, Imagine, Create, Research, Originate) through programs like Creature Hunt, Crazy Contraptions and Chuck It. Youth will also enjoy the great outdoors in the mountains of Sussex County, NJ and will be able to go boating, hiking, fishing, and swimming. Crafts, singing, campfires, making new friends and having fun are always a part of Camping too!!!

Pre Camp Program will be held Sun 7 Jun from 1:00-4:00pm at the JMFAC in Bordentown (optional)

**There is a 5 page registration packet and \$50.00 deposit required to guarantee attendance.
Deadline for registration paperwork and deposit is Wednesday 3 June 2015**

For more information or to receive the registration packet, please email Amanda Balas at
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ANG / AFR Youth of the Year (S: 10 Apr 15)

Interested teens must complete the electronic Youth of the Year Application (contact Amanda Balas for 2 page form). Completed applications must be sent to Penny Dale at penny.dale@us.af.mil NLT 10 Apr 15. One AFR and one ANG YoY representative will be selected.

The selected AFR and ANG YoY are required to attend the AF YoY Camp 23-26 Jun 15 in San Antonio, TX. This camp is conducted in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) Military YoY program. This is an opportunity for outstanding Air Force youth to receive leadership training and recognition.

All transportation, lodging, meals, and program costs while at the YoY event will be centrally funded at no cost to the participant or their unit/base. Baggage fees, additional spending money for snacks/souvenirs, and meals during travel are the responsibility of their family.

10 Great Freebies for Military and Their Families

Military discounts are available many places. Most discounts include a certain percentage off a purchase, but some military discounts include products or services you can get for free.

To learn about 10 more great freebies for service members and their families, please visit:

<http://www.military.com/discounts/10-great-freebies-for-military-and-their-families.html?ESRC=eb.nl>

NJ NG Youth Camp 2015

Come out for a week of fun and sun by the beautiful beach in Sea Girt, NJ.
This Camp is a week-long, residential Camp for military youth.

Camp for youth ages 9 – 15 will be held 12-18 July 2015
Counselors ages 16 and up need to be at Camp from 11-18 July 2015

The application deadline this year is Friday May 15. Please apply online and download all required forms before midnight as the site will shut down.

Cost for the week is \$150.00 per youth ages 9-15. Camp shirts, hat, backpack, meals, snacks, programs and materials are provided. You will be notified the middle of June of your acceptance. Only 2 page medical forms as they have been consolidated. Please go to the FORMS tab on the website to download forms. For more information please contact Amanda or Nicole.

Volunteers are welcomed!!!!

To apply today, please visit: <http://www.njngyouthcamp.org/>

CAMP VOLUNTEERS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!
We will hold a Volunteer Banquet for all our dedicated Camp volunteers on Friday 15 May at the JMFAC in Bordentown starting at 6:30pm.

Summer Youth Camps

Below are various listings of other summer camp opportunities you or your child/teen may be interested in applying for or attending. Please know these are not NJNG Child & Youth Program Camps; but a listing of camps that might fit for your family or schedule. For more information, please contact the camp or point of contact listed directly.



DoD-USDA Partnership for Military Families Child & Youth Reintegration Support Camps

Information and a listing of camps is now posted. Please visit:

http://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/military-family/dod_usda/2015-military-camps/2015-camps/index.html.

These camps provide fun & safe camping experiences for school-age military connected youth regardless of Branch of Service; build skills so that military connected youth and families are resilient throughout the deployment cycle (including reunion/reintegration); and expand outreach/access for supporting more military connected youth (with special interest in supporting youth and their families that are geographically dispersed).

Camps are open to military connected youth regardless of Branch of Service who have a parent/loved one in any phase of the deployment cycle; priority given to children/youth from geographically dispersed families. The family camps would be especially suited for families with school-age youth that are experiencing reunion/reintegration.

SAVE THE DATE: Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits

Application Dates are TBAPlease monitor the website for updates*** The tentative dates are:

12-17 Jul AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summit Dahlenega, GA

11-16 Aug AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summit Estes Park CO

<http://georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/>

Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits applications should be submitted on the website.

FREE or DISCOUNTED SUMMER CAMPS for MILITARY KIDS Please visit Military.com at

<http://www.military.com/discounts/free-or-discounted-summer-camps-for-military-kids.html?ESRC=discounts.nl#.VPi-OcRXLfg.mailto>

Summer Camps in South Jersey: <http://www.southjerseymom.com/index.php/summer-camps>

Camp Invention: <http://campinvention.org>

National program that list STEM camps for youth entering grades 1-6. Explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) enrichment, motivating a group to develop solutions to real-world problems.

Scholarship Information

If you are high school student looking for scholarship information, please contact Amanda or Nicole via email to receive a listing. Many scholarships have eligibility requirements as well as a set deadline, so please make sure you read all information first before applying.
